

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 5 and 6. Please amend the claims as follows:

1.(currently amended) A two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids comprising:

a outer drinking vessel having a closed bottom section, a generally vertical sidewall section intersecting the outer vessel bottom section, the sidewall section with an upper rim there around, the outer vessel having an open top; and

an inner, closed bottom, linear vessel with a sidewall section having an upper rim there around, the inner, linear vessel having an open top, the sidewall upper rim of the outer vessel and the sidewall upper rim of the inner vessel being coplanar, the inner, linear interior vessel sidewall section extending essentially diagonally from adjacent a selected point on the outer vessel upper rim to a selected point adjacent the intersecting sidewall and bottom sections of the outer vessel;

whereby liquids poured into the outer vessel and inner vessel are separately contained until the two-compartment vessel is tilted to elevate the vessel bottom relative to the selected point on the outer vessel upper rim adjacent the inner vessel sidewall section, the liquid contained by the inner vessel flowing therefrom prior to the liquid contained in the outer vessel flowing therefrom.

2. (currently amended) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 1 wherein, the inner, linear interior vessel sidewall section contacts the selected point on the outer vessel upper rim and extends essentially diagonally therefrom.

3. (currently amended) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 1 wherein, the inner, linear interior vessel sidewall section is separated from the selected point on the outer vessel upper rim and extends essentially diagonally within the outer drinking vessel therefrom.

4. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 3, further including a supporting wall between the inner vessel sidewall section and the outer vessel sidewall section.

5. canceled.

6. canceled.

7. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 1 wherein, the inner linear vessel is cylindrical.

8. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 1 wherein, the inner linear vessel is conical with an internal diameter decreasing with increasing distance from the open top thereof.

9. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 1 wherein, the outer vessel and the inner vessel are fabricated from a transparent material.

10. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 9 wherein, the outer vessel and the inner vessel are fabricated from glass.

11. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 9 wherein, the outer vessel and the inner vessel are fabricated from a polymeric resin.

12. (currently amended) A two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids comprising:

a outer drinking vessel having a closed bottom section, a generally vertical sidewall section intersecting the outer vessel bottom section, the sidewall section with a planar upper rim there around, the outer vessel having an open top; and

an inner, closed bottom, linear vessel with a sidewall section having an upper rim there around, the inner, linear vessel having an open top, the inner, linear ~~interior~~ vessel sidewall section extending essentially diagonally from adjacent a selected point on the outer vessel upper rim to a selected point adjacent the intersecting sidewall and bottom sections of the outer vessel, the sidewall rim of the inner, linear vessel progressively descending below the outer vessel sidewall planar rim with increasing distance from the outer vessel sidewall rim

whereby liquids poured into the outer vessel and inner vessel are separately contained until the two-compartment vessel is tilted to elevate the vessel bottom relative to the selected point on the outer vessel upper rim adjacent the inner vessel sidewall section, the liquid contained by the inner vessel flowing therefrom prior to the liquid contained in the outer vessel flowing therefrom.

13. (currently amended) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 12 wherein, the inner, linear ~~interior~~ vessel sidewall section contacts the selected point on the outer vessel upper rim and extends essentially diagonally therefrom.

14. (currently amended) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 12 wherein, the inner, linear ~~interior~~ vessel sidewall section is separated from the selected point on the outer vessel upper rim and extends essentially diagonally therefrom.

15. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 14, further including a supporting wall between the inner vessel sidewall section and the outer vessel sidewall section.

16. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 12 wherein, the inner linear vessel is cylindrical.

17. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 12 wherein, the inner linear vessel is conical with an internal diameter decreasing with increasing distance from the open top thereof.

18. (currently amended) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim + 12 wherein, the outer vessel and the inner vessel are fabricated from a transparent material.

19. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 18 wherein, the outer vessel and the inner vessel are fabricated from glass.

20. (original) The two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids of claim 18 wherein, the outer vessel and the inner vessel are fabricated from a polymeric resin.

21. (currently amended) A two-compartment drinking vessel for consuming separate liquids comprising:

a outer drinking vessel having a closed bottom section, a generally vertical sidewall section intersecting the outer vessel bottom section, the sidewall section with a planar upper rim there around, the outer vessel having an open top; and

an inner, closed bottom, linear vessel with a sidewall section having an upper rim there around, the inner, linear vessel having an open top, the inner, linear interior vessel sidewall section extending essentially diagonally from adjacent a selected point on the outer vessel upper rim to a selected point adjacent the intersecting sidewall and bottom sections of the outer vessel, the sidewall rim of the inner, linear vessel progressively descending below the outer vessel sidewall planar rim with increasing distance from the outer vessel sidewall rim;

the outer vessel and the inner vessel fabricated from a transparent material;

whereby liquids poured into the outer vessel and inner vessel are separately contained until the two-compartment vessel is tilted to elevate the vessel bottom relative to the selected point on the outer vessel upper rim adjacent the inner vessel sidewall section, the liquid contained by the inner vessel flowing therefrom prior to the liquid contained in the outer vessel flowing therefrom.